

**REMARKS**

It is respectfully requested that this application be reconsidered in view of the above amendments and the following remarks and that all of the claims remaining in this application be allowed.

**Amendments**

Claims 19-37 were pending in the present application. Claims 1-18 were previously withdrawn from consideration as drawn to a non-elected invention. By virtue of this response, claims 19-37 have been cancelled, without prejudice or disclaimer; and new claims 38-55 have been added. Accordingly, claims 38-55 are currently under consideration.

**Concerning the priority claim**

Enclosed for the Examiner convenience is a copy of the transmittal form submitted at the time of filing of this application. Please note that page 2 of this form claims 1-18 were canceled and on page 3 of this form a request to amend the first line of the specification to include the priority claim was entered.

**Amendments**

The claims in this application have been amended to reflect a method for enhancing the formation of a solid, non-migratory coherent mass at a selected vascular site of a mammal using a patentably distinct composition. The composition used in the presently claimed method is the subject of U.S. Patent Application 09/574,379, filed on May 19, 2000, now issued U.S. Patent 6,531,111.

Specifically, Claim 38 corresponds to previously presented Claim 19 with the exception that this claim has been amended to recite a concentration range of biocompatible polymer "of from about 12 to about 50 weight percent," as supported by original Claim 2 and the specification at page 5, lines 5-6 and 15-16; page 6, lines 19-20; and page 11, lines 17-21.